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Siddu meets Rahul

- Congress Vice-President compliments CM for winning by-elections
- Siddharamaiah likely to meet Sonia Gandhi this evening

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is seen alighting the steps of Karnataka Bhavan in New Delhi this morning on his way to meet Congress Vice-President Rahul Gandhi. [Pic by M.M. Joshi]

New Delhi, Apr. 15 (KMS& BCT)- After steering Congress party to victory in the recently held Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-elections, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah met party Vice-President Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi this morning and sought permission to fill up two vacancies in his Council of Ministers and three vacancies in the Legislative Council.

CM Siddharamaiah, who arrived in New Delhi yesterday, met Rahul Gandhi at his Thuglak Lane residence. He was welcomed by the party Vice-President who congratulated the CM for the by-election victory. The meeting lasted for more than one hour.

According to party sources, Rahul asked Siddharamaiah about the election strategy and the measures taken to counter the BJP threat. Rahul is particularly said to have been impressed by the performance of Nanjangud candidate Kalale Keshavamurthy (now an MLA) who defeated a heavyweight like former Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad of BJP by a margin of more than 20,000 votes.

Both Rahul and Siddharamaiah discussed the party's strategy for the 2018 Assembly elections, vacancies in the State Cabinet and in the Upper House. Though some of the names of probable candidates have been mentioned by Siddharamaiah for the Ministry and the Upper House, sources said that the names will finally be cleared by Congress President Sonia Gandhi who is expected to meet the CM in the evening.

(See SIDDU on page 13)

Human Interest Story

When a cop saved a train accident victim

Policeman rushes accident victim to hospital while onlookers clicked photos, shot videos

Constable Beeresh

Kishore, the accident victim.

Mysuru / Maddur, Apr. 15 (NG,RK&BCT)- A Railway Policeman went beyond his call of duty to save the life of a man whose leg was cut by a running train. Seeing the victim lying in a pool of blood and with no help forthcoming from the people gathered around, who were instead busy clicking pictures and shooting videos of the severed leg, the Policeman lifted the accident victim and rushed him to a hospital.

The incident occurred in Maddur on Thursday evening where the Policeman, Beeresh, turned an angel to save the life of Kishore who met with the accident. According to 35-year-old Kishore, who is now recuperating at the K.R. Hospital in city, on that evening he was sitting near the door of the Mysuru-Bengaluru train when he slipped and fell off the moving coach.

Kishore, hailing from Sampathnagar in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, boarded the train in Mysuru where he had come to meet a person. The train ran over his left leg completely severing it in half, leaving it dangling by the flesh even as he lay on the tracks. No one came forward to help Kishore despite his pain-filled screams for help. People gathered at the spot were busy clicking photos and shooting videos of the severed legs.

One person among the group poured water on Kishore's blood-filled face for him to drink. But Kishore kept on pleading to shift him to a hospital and no one volunteered. Luckily for Kishore, Railway Police Constable Beeresh was nearby who rushed to his help. He unpacked Kishore's bag and tied the bleeding leg with some of his clothes.

Though he had informed the '108 Ambulance Service', Beeresh realised that waiting for the ambulance would kill Kishore as he was heavily bleeding. He then lifted Kishore and carried him to cross the tracks and reach the auto stand. He waved at an auto outside the station but the auto driver sped away seeing Beeresh carrying the accident victim. Beeresh then stopped a goods auto and took Kishore to Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital. After first aid, Beeresh was asked by the hospital to shift Kishore to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru.

(See COP on page 13)

Teen falls from school roof; sustains head injuries

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (RK&VNS)- A 13-year-old boy sustained grievous head injuries when he fell from the terrace of a school at Paduvarahalli this morning.

The boy has been identified as Arun, son of Kumar, a resident of 3rd Cross, Paduvarahalli. Arun, a 7th Standard student of Government Higher Primary School, Paduvarahalli, was playing cricket along with his friends at the school premises around 10.30 am when one of the batsmen hit the ball on the terrace. Since the school had no staircase, Arun climbed on the roof holding the iron grills of a window. After retrieving the ball, Arun started to climb down when he slipped and fell from a height of 20 ft. He sustained severe head injuries. Seeing Arun's condition, the boys who were playing with Arun, panicked and fled the spot. A few residents, who saw Arun lying in a pool of blood, rushed him to the nearby Brindavan Hospital.

Injured Arun

Sources at the Hospital said that Arun's condition was critical. Jayalakshmipuram Police were expected to visit the hospital and also conduct a mahazar at school premises.

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Polyglots Vs Pundits

Vying for adding the land's languages to the list of official languages, numbering 22 as of now and according classical status, eight having already emerged, seems to have taken back seat currently in the circles of both pundits and activists in different regions of the country. There is no guarantee that the craving for both causes will not happen again in near future or subsequently. Protagonists of tribal lingo, numerically considerable, have joined the bandwagon of different sections in the population glorifying their respective tongues, the sore point being unwarranted claims of antiquity for them, as it happened in case of two languages of the southern region not too long ago, with Sanskrit left unchallenged. The richness of the country's spoken languages and dialects, however, is gracefully accepted unanimously in all circles, informed or otherwise.

The royalty of erstwhile Princely State of Mysore is credited with not only extending support but also patronising many languages that flourished in the State, no language overstepping on the toes of another language, without fetters to learn, speak, write, communicate, carry on trade and even administration in an unquestioned amiable ambience.

The scale and enrichment of literature in different languages, including Kannada, owes it in no small measure to the work of translating literary works from any one of the languages to many others, once again thanks to the patronage showered by royalty of the then Mysore State. Come freedom from colonial rule and division of the country into boundaries based on language spoken by the people therein, the *grand romance* of languages got sullied in a manner that doesn't see the flock causing that decline in love of languages in good light. The rude change in the attitude to learning and using many languages both to produce literary works and communicate in public domain has its consequences which don't need elaboration. In short, it is disintegration of the nation of multiple tongues.

The stand taken by self-declared *bhaasha pundits* that teaching children in language other than their so-called mother-tongue is burdensome amounts to not only belittling the capacity of children but also highlighting the incapacity of teachers. Let those pundits meet the polyglots who are the best ambassadors of the land's tongues, and welcome everywhere.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Mullah Nasrudin heard a knock at his door one night. When he opened it, a man standing outside said, "Mullah, can you please provide me some shelter for the night. I am God's nephew."

"Oh, is that so?" asked Nasrudin.

"It surely is," the man replied.

"Well then," remarked Nasrudin, "for an exalted guest such as yourself, I must offer only the most exalted place to spend the night."

Nasrudin stepped outside and closed his door, and then turned to the man and said, "Follow me."

The man curiously followed Nasrudin.

Hundreds of meters later, they reached the local Mosque.

Nasrudin turned to the man and said, "And what better place could I offer you to stay the night than here at your own uncle's house!" — *In The New Indian Express.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

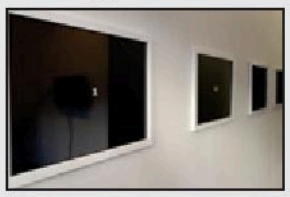
Frozen treats for canines

Mexico: Summer is just around the corner and, as we all know, there's no better way too cool off on a hot day than with a creamy ice cream. Apparently, the same goes for dogs, but feeding them regular ice-cream can cause serious health problems, so one ice-cream maker in Mexico City asked veterinarians for help creating frozen treats specifically for them.

Many dogs are lactose intolerant, so feeding them milk or products based on regular dairy can upset their stomachs and cause diarrhoea. After learning all this, Mauricio Montoya, owner of Don Paletto ice cream, in Mexico City, decided he needed to create a special kind of ice-cream for pooches.

Montoya consulted a number of veterinarians, asking for tips on making an ice-cream for dogs. Instead of regular milk, he opted for organic lactose-free, sugar-free yogurt which is mixed with honey and various fruit flavours that most canines like. The treat, called 'Hela Dog' is also infused with lactobacilli, probiotic agents that helps the animals' digestion system.

Longest GIF!



Helsinki: GIFs are usually only a few seconds long, but Finnish artist Juha van Ingen has created one that will run for the next 1,000 years.

Named "As Long As Possible" or "ASLAP", the world's longest GIF is a "very optimistic" artwork because it relies on future generations to take responsibility and keep it running until it reaches its end, in the year 3017. Hopefully, someone will still be around to see the last of the 48,140,288 frames that make up this record-breaking GIF.

The Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, in Finland, recently acquired As Long As Possible for its collection, and has assumed responsibility for keeping it playing for the next 1,000 years. But what if something goes wrong with the hardware, what if the power goes out? Well, Juha van Ingen had taken precautions too, the same ASLAP file on display at Kiasma museum, is simultaneously on several synchronized physical playback units in different locations. And had a back up file of the GIF hidden away in a time capsule.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What are natural alternatives to ibuprofen for pain?

Natural alternatives to ibuprofen for pain relief include: ginger, arnica, chinese skullcap, panax ginseng, St. John's wort, anthocyanins from raspeberries and sweet cherries, holy basil, olive oil and the combination of astaxanthin, ginkgo biloba and vitamin C.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

City students qualified for KVPY scholarship

Pradyumna Vaishag Manoj Abhishek Amrita

Mysuru, Apr. 15 - S. Abhishek, S.M. Amrita, Pradyumna, C. Vaishag and C.K. Manoj Kumar, 2nd PU students of Sankalpa Integrated at Gopalaswamy PU College have qualified both written exam as well as interview conducted at IISc (Indian Institute of Science) to earn KVPY (Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana) Scholarship. KVPY is a National-level Scholarship Exam conducted by IISc (Tata Institute Bangalore) Program of Fellowship in Basic Sciences, initiated and funded by Government of India, to attract exceptionally highly motivated students for pursuing pure science courses and research career in science. Students have 2 stages of selection procedure, written test followed by interview by panel of top scientists / Professors in India.

Selected for Skill India

Mysuru, Apr. 15 - N. M. Prathap of JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, B. N. Road, in city has been selected for Skill India Project under *Make in India*, conducted by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi. Prathap, who exhibited his Project titled *"Cryptography in Drone Networking System"* at New Delhi on Apr.11 and 12, has successfully cleared the Preliminary - 2 and selected for "National Skill Advanced Framework-2017" with a grant of Rs. 90,000 for development of the project.

Really...?

- *A building in London called the "Walkie-Talkie" can melt cars and change weather patterns due to its concave design.*
- *F1 drivers can lose about three kilograms of weight after just one race due to prolonged exposure to high G-forces and extreme heat in the cockpit.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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VOICE OF THE READER

Indeed a nice and PURPOSEFUL article!

Sir,

Apropos N.K.A. Ballal's article ***'What is the purpose of one's life?'*** published in *Star of Mysore* dated Apr.13, I am tempted to write as under:

I am a regular meditator since about 16 years and a disciple of *guruparampara* of Shri Ramachandra Mission. I was also wondering on the subject of PURPOSE in life for a long time.

As pointed out by Ballal, people think that making donations etc., may be part of purpose in life which is certainly not. It is an exhibition of our ignorance about why at all we exist.

Living upto a certain moment which requires our immediate attention to be followed by a true and honest ACTION is of paramount need of the hour (time). Otherwise an opportunity to live a purposeful living is lost.

I once read somewhere about why some people are considered great is because of the way they handled 'small things' and not because of their 'great' deeds. Father of the Nation M. K. Gandhi, while engrossed in a hot discussion about country's great concern of those times, that is about how to present India's cause of Independence at the ensuing Round Table Conference at London, left the august gathering (including Nehru, Lala Lajpat Rai, Moulana Azad etc.) in between to talk to a little child sobbing about a sheep in pain in its paw at Sabarmati Ashram, which was got hurt due to sticking of a thorn.

Nehru frowned at his 'indifference' but Gandhiji hinted that it was the need of the hour to console that little girl and to get immediate treatment to the hurt sheep.

Do we understand the real purpose in our lives. That is human beings to be humane always, at any cost. But we forget that and behave differently and perhaps indifferently by wearing a mask.

It was indeed a nice and purposeful article.

Thank you *SOM*.

—M. C. Chandrashekar,
Retd. Chief Manager, SBM
Mysuru
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National Seminar on Sustainable and Clean Energy on Apr. 17

Mysuru, Apr. 15- The Department of Mechanical Engineering, NIE-IT, Mysuru, is organising a one-day national seminar on *"Recent trends in Sustainable and Clean Energy Technologies"* on Apr.17 at its premises.

Dr. Shobha Anand Reddy, Additional Director and HoD (Env.), MGIRED, will inaugurate the function and deliver the keynote address.

R. S. Rajkumar, Hon. Treasurer, NIE, will preside. Prof. T. Ananthapadmanabha, Principal, is the chief coordinator.

The objective of this seminar is to give exposure on recent trends and developments in the field of Sustainable and Clean Energy technologies. The seminar invites a broad focus on energy and mobility, renewable energy technologies for India, Green Economy, Opportunities in Solar PV Technology & its applications and challenges in Biomass gasification.

The resource persons are: Dr. Shashikantha Karinka, Head, Department of Mechanical Engg. NMAMIT, Nitte; Ravikumar Gurumurti, Consultant, Quantum Sun-Solar Training & Consulting, Bengaluru; Dr. Lawrence Surendra, Chairman, The Sustainability platform, D.E.H.S.S.F.I.E.

The valedictory function will be held on the same day at 3.30 pm. For registration contact the coordinators Dr. T. Jayaraju (9449779387) or R. Madhu (9844675930), according to a press release.

Anniversary of Computer Society Student Branch

Mysuru, Apr. 15- The Computer Society of India - Student Branch (CSI-SB) of Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), ATME College of Engineering, is celebrating its 5th anniversary on Apr. 18.

Dr. R. Srinivasan, former Scientist, NAL and Professor, Department of CSE, M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology, will be the chief guest. Dr. L. Basavaraj, Principal and Prof. M.S Veerendra Kumar, Head of the Department, will be the guests of honour. J. Shree Charithraa, Student Branch Chairman and C.J. Anil Kumar, Associate Professor and CSI Student Branch Counsellor, are the co-ordinators.

As part of this event, various technical activities like Junk Yard, Quiz and Code Marathon will be conducted for the students, according to a press release.

TELEUTSAV Project Model competition on Apr.17

Mysuru, Apr.15- GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, is conducting a State-level Telecommunication Project Model Competition (TELEUTSAV- 2017) on Apr. 17.

The event is organised by the Telecommunication Engineering Department in collaboration with IETE Mysuru Centre. TELEUTSAV will be inaugurated by the chief guest Dr. H.N. Jagannatha Reddy, Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi.

B.G. Prasanna Kumar, Senior Technical Specialist, Nokia Network India, Bengaluru, Subramanya Rao, Network Specialist, Intel, Bengalaru, Manu, Manager, Capgemi Technology Services India Ltd., will be the guests of honour.

Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi, President, GSSS, will preside. Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS, R.K. Bharath, CEO, GSSS, Anupama B. Pandit, AAO, GSSSIETW, Dr. K.A. Sumithra Devi, Principal, GSSSIETW, Convener Dr. B.D. Parameshachari, Professor & Head, Department of TCE and Coordinator Prof. G. Manjula will be present.

Best projects will be awarded with cash prizes. Telecommunication Engineering students from VTU affiliated Engineering Colleges may participate in this Project Model competition.

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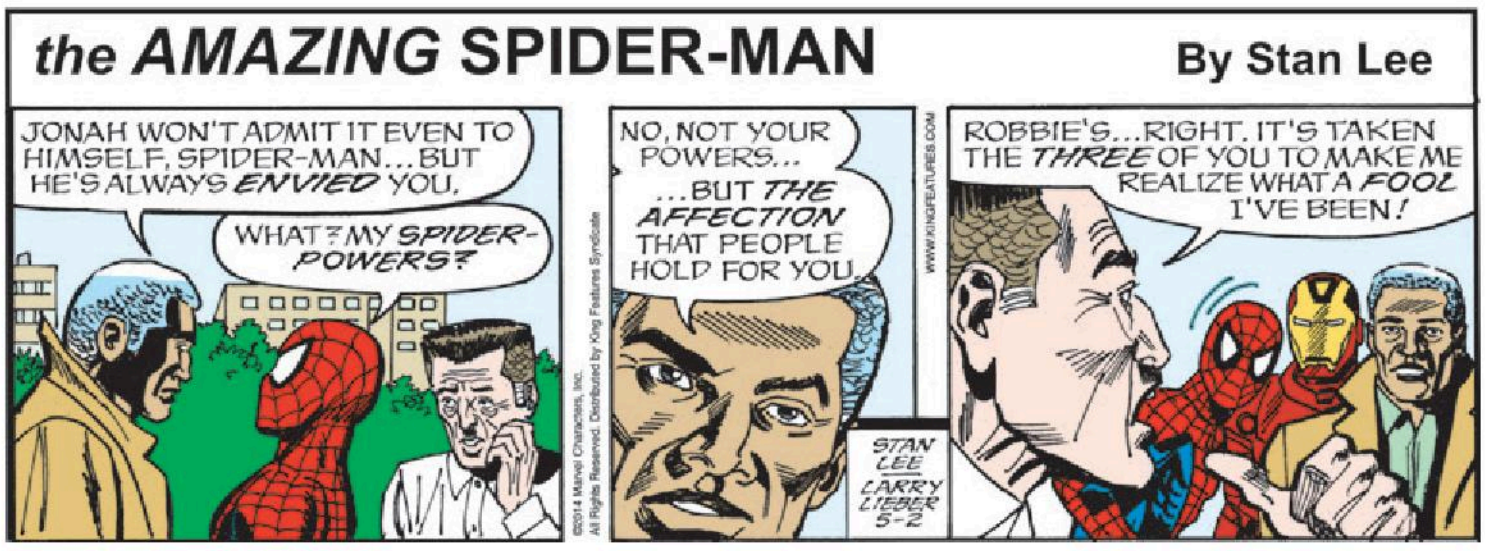
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NEWS BRIEFS

Free health awareness camp

A free health awareness camp has been organised at Sri Shiradi Sai Baba Temple in Nazarbad on Apr. 16 (Sunday) between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm to create awareness on diabetes, thyroid, breast cancer, knee pain and other health problems. For details contact, Dilip on Mob: 94480 73223.

Tantragyaan: Tech symposium

The Department of Construction Technology and Management, SJCE, has organised Tantragyaan, a national level technical symposium at its seminar hall in the Golden Jubilee Block on Apr.17. Dr. K. Prakash, Head, Department of Civil Engineering, SJCE will inaugurate the event at 10 am. R. Vedhachalam, Technical Advisor, HBK Holding State of Qatar, will be the chief guest. SJCE Principal Dr. T.N. Nagabhushan will preside.

Animals adopted

Ajlan Khan of Maharashtra has adopted a Jaguar and a White Peacock of Mysuru Zoo under the Animal Adoption scheme by paying the adoption fee of Rs. 38,500 for the year 2017-18; N. Kiran Kumar of Bengaluru - Himalayan Goral (Rs. 5,000) and K. Sharan of Bengaluru - King Cobra (Rs. 3,500), according to a press release from Zoo Executive Director.

Airmen recruitment drive at Hassan

An airmen recruitment rally will be held from Apr. 27 to 29 at Hassanamba Indoor Stadium in Hassan. The aspirants should have passed PUC or an equivalent grade exam with a maximum of 50 per cent marks in English. For details log on to: www.airmenselection.gov.in or visit Airmen Selection Centre, No. 1, Cubbon Road, Bengaluru-1 or Ph: 080-25592199 or e-mail: co.7asc.ka@gov.in.

Articulate Festival tomorrow

Articulate Festival, coordinated by Mysore B. Nagaraj, is conducted on the 3rd Sunday of every month, at the Premier Convention Hall, Premier Studios, Jayalakshmipuram. Accomplished Indian Classical dancers both from India and abroad take part in this festival. On Apr.16, in its 11th series, three solo artistes and one duet are scheduled to perform in different styles starting at 6 pm. Kavyashree Nagaraj will perform Kathak, Archana Punyesh will present Kuchipudi, Malini Agrahar will carry out Bharathnatyam style while Veena Surya and Kanika Mitra will showcase Odissi in a duet format. Entry is free, according to the Festival Co-ordinator [9341288391].

Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-election debacle

BJP High Command to seek explanation from State leaders

BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa leaves for Bhubaneswar for Party National Executive

Bengaluru, Apr. 15 (KMS& BCT)- Bharatiya Janata Party's failure to win both Nanjangud and Gundlupet Assembly by-elections has upset the BJP high command and it is seeking explanation from State leadership.

BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa has already left for Bhubaneswar in Odisha where the two-day BJP National Executive is being held from Apr. 15 (today) and he will meet National BJP President Amit Shah to discuss the election fall-out.

The Congress victory in the by-elections to two constituencies has come as a big blow for

B.S. Yeddyurappa

Yeddyurappa, who had termed the election as "semi-final" before next year's Assembly polls. The loss could mean trouble for Yeddyurappa as dissenting voices within the BJP were getting bolder against him with many leaders unhappy with his style of functioning.

The BJP was hoping for a huge victory in Nanjangud and Gundlupet that would enable it to be in a commanding position in the 2018 Assembly elections. Even during his election rallies, Yeddyurappa's campaign rhetoric centred on how the by-election victory would help him become Chief Minister again.

Yeddyurappa also turned it into a personal battle between himself and Siddharamaiah. It will be difficult for Yeddyurappa to convince Amit Shah because he was not able to deliver the entire Lingayat vote in the BJP's kitty.

BJP has also realised that the Congress, which had put in its might in the by-elections, will make all efforts to win the next Assembly elections and it would not be an easy task to accomplish its **Mission 150,** a project to win 150 seats in the 224-seat Karnataka Assembly in 2018.

Adding to the woes of BJP, over 24 BJP leaders had written a letter to Yeddyurappa asking him to mend his ways as they felt his style of functioning was hurting the party. Senior party leader K.S. Eshwarappa too had publicly aired his opposition to Yeddyurappa's style of functioning.

Amit Shah is expected to discuss the by-election loss with the State BJP leaders and take explanation from them as to what were the reasons for the party's defeat. Other leaders who are expected to be with the meeting along with Yeddyurappa are former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar, former Deputy Chief Minister R. Ashoka, Leader of Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Council K.S. Eshwarappa, Union Ministers H.N. Ananth Kumar, D.V. Sadananda Gowda and Ramesh Jigajinagi.

Meanwhile, Yeddyurappa has attributed the by-election loss to party workers as they had failed to reach the BJP's programmes to the voters. "BJP's welfare and pro-poor programmes have not been effectively conveyed to the voters," Yeddyurappa said in Bengaluru at a function organised to celebrate Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti.

JD(S) begins preparations for 2018 Assembly polls

Bengaluru, Apr. 15 (KMS& DM)- The JD(S) has decided to hold meetings with Party Legislators, District leaders and other prominent leaders at 'J.P. Bhavan,' the Party Headquarters, till the end of this month.

Kumaraswamy

As part of its *'Connect with the people programme,'* JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy held a meeting with leaders of 5 Assembly segments of Bengaluru city yesterday.

Calling upon party workers to work with the sole aim of bringing the JD(S) to power in the State, Kumaraswamy asked the workers to evolve strategies that can help the party win the Assembly polls in 2018.

Meanwhile, Kumaraswamy is all set to hold a marathon meeting with techies from across Karnataka today at Bengaluru.

The interaction with his 'social media followers' will start at Jnanajyothi auditorium at 9 am and end at 9 pm. Kumaraswamy said the 12-hour session will give an opportunity to understand the JD(S) and him better and offer suggestions for a forward looking government.

Pointing out that suggestions of the youth and techies will help the JD(S) draw a road map before the 2018 Assembly polls, Kumaraswamy said similar sessions will be held in all 30 District Headquarters.

The BJP used social media for debate, discussions, chats and peer-to-peer communication in the recent Uttar Pradesh polls, he added.

As of now, the State JD(S) Chief has *'Kumaraswamy for CM',* a sponsored Facebook page handled by his fans and *'Namma HDK',* his official page, active since the past 20 days.

I will not leave Congress: Ambarish

"I could not campaign during by-polls due to health reasons"

Mandya, Apr. 15 (NG)- Asserting that he would not leave the Congress, former Minister and MLA Ambarish has said that he could not campaign for the Party candidates in the Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-polls for health reasons.

Ambarish

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Ambarish, while admitting that several BJP leaders had met him with an invitation to join the Party, clarified that he would not leave the Congress for any reason.

Replying to a question on his absence at Mandya, Ambarish maintained that he could not visit Mandya frequently as his health did not permit him. Stating that the Congress had given him everything, Ambarish reiterated that there was no question of him leaving the Congress.

Minister fires MySugar boiler to re-start Power Unit

Former Minister M.S. Atmananda and MLC K.T. Srikantegowda are seen firing the boiler as Minister M. Krishnappa and others look on.

Mandya, Apr. 15 (NG&DM)- Housing and Mandya District In-charge Minister M. Krishnappa on Friday fired the boiler to re-start MySugar Power Generation Unit, which was shut down for over two years.

Speaking on the occasion, Krishnappa said that the modernisation of 'A' Mill of the century-old iconic factory and the repair of boiler of Co-generation unit have been completed.

Stating that the 'A' Mill has cane crushing capacity of 5,000 tonnes per day, the Minister said the farmers will get 70 percent of the value of the sugarcane within one day of its supply to the factory, while the rest will be paid after 15 days.

Pointing out that MySugar was the only Government-run sugar factory in the State, he said Mandya is known as 'Sugar Town' mainly because of the location of the factory.

Noting that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had set aside Rs. 20 crore in the State budget for modernisation of the factory, Krishnappa appealed the farmers to lend a helping hand for restoring the past glory of the factory.

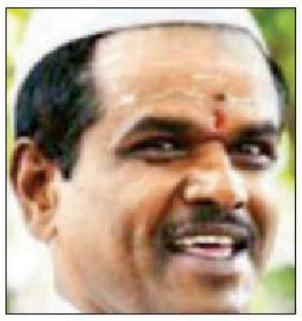
MLA Ambarish, MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, former Minister M.S. Atmananda, MySugar MD Prakash, CAO Devaraj, Mandya CMC President Hosahalli Boregowda and others were present.

Bengaluru Police find Rs. 15 crore old notes in Bomb Naga's house

Bengaluru, Apr. 15- The Bengaluru Police raided the house of former rowdy-sheeter and ex-Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Corporator, V. Nagaraj alias Bomb Naga in the wee hours of yesterday and found demonetised notes worth Rs. 15 crore in his possession.

According to Hennur Police Inspector Srinivas, a man named Umesh had filed a complaint that Bomb Naga had cheated him in a money exchange racket. "Umesh said that Naga had even abducted him and threatened him with dire consequences if he asked about the money," Inspector Srinivas said.

At around 5am, Hennur Police arrived at Bomb Naga's five-storey home located in Srirampura, a western suburb of Bengaluru. But it wasn't easy to get in. The Police encountered a fortress and had to call in metal wiring experts to break open the wall-like gates, and break into Bomb Naga's home. And when they went in, they were surprised to see the money piled up.



Bomb Naga

"We have also found lethal weapons and the raid is not yet complete. He conducted his operations from home and has an office space here. The Police are still combing through the place," Inspector Srinivas added.

Naga is wanted in over 45 cases of attempted murder, extortion, kidnapping and money laundering in Srirampura Police Station. He managed to escape before Police arrived and is currently believed to be on the run.

"Pravin Kumar, son-in-law of the former Legislative Council Chairman Veeranna Mattikatti is also suspected to be a part of the money exchange racket. Pravin Kumar had taken Naga's help to get demonetised notes exchanged. His wife Lakshmi is not cooperating and remains silent," he said.

Bomb Naga was elected as Corporator of Bangalore Municipal Corporation in 2002 from the Prakashnagar civic ward in Bengaluru West. He had contested as an independent candidate.

He also contested the 2013 Assembly elections from Gandhinagar as a candidate of the Badavara Shramikara Raitara Congress, but lost to Congress leader Dinesh Gundu Rao. Naga is suspected to have kidnapped a Bengaluru businessman for ransom recently and is also facing criminal charges of laundering unaccounted money.

"There is a suspicion that he was involved in land mafia as well since we have found documents of properties that are not owned by him. We are yet to verify where the huge amount of notes came from and why they were stashed here. He is absconding and we have launched a manhunt," said Hemant Nimbalkar, Additional Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru East.

House burgled in Rajivnagar

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (SBD&DM)- Burglars, who allegedly broke into a house in Rajivnagar Second Stage, have decamped with valuables and jewellery worth Rs. 3. 5 lakh.

The burglary took place at the residence of one Imran in Rajivnagar II Stage.

Imran had left for Dharwad along with his family members on Apr. 8. A neighbour, who noticed the door open on Apr. 12, informed Imran, who rushed back to Mysuru on Thursday, when he discovered valuables and jewellery missing from the almirah in a room of the house.

The miscreants are learnt to have forced open the door to gain entry into the house.

The Udayagiri Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Health Education Officer and Data Entry Operator posts

Mysuru, Apr. 15- The Health and Family Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment to Health Education Officer and Data Entry Operator posts on contract basis.

The appointment will be made through a direct interview to be held at the Department's Training Centre on KRS Road at 11 am on Apr. 26.

Those applying for Health Education Officer post should hold a degree or diploma in health education and must have a minimum 5 years experience in teaching at the Department's Training Centre or District Training Centre. The candidates must be below 65 years of age.

Those applying for Data Entry Operator posts must be aged below 25 years and have a degree or diploma with computer knowledge, Kannada typing and internet usage. For details contact Ph: 0821-2413896.

Women can retain their maiden names in passports: Modi

Mumbai, Apr. 15- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that women are free to retain their maiden names in their passports now after the marriage.

Stating that he wanted women to be at the centre of the developmental schemes, Modi said his govt. is working in different ways to empower them through various schemes like 'Mudra' and 'Ujjwala', among others.

"From now onwards, women will not have to change their names in the passport after their marriage," Modi told a gathering of the Indian Merchants Chambers' ladies wing over a video conferencing on Thursday.

The government wants the woman of the house to be the priority in all of its development schemes. Citing various women-oriented schemes launched by his government, the PM said the maternity leave has been extended to 26 weeks from the present 12 weeks while another scheme provides for transfer of Rs. 6,000 to women, who chose to deliver in hospitals.

Teacher suspended for fifth time!

Kollegal, Apr. 15- Chamarajanagar District DDPI Manjula has suspended a teacher for threatening higher officials and for dereliction of duty. Chandrashekar, serving at Pachedoddi Government School, is the suspended teacher.

Chandrashekar

Incidentally, this is the fifth time that Chandrashekar has been suspended for his wayward ways.

Education Officer Thimmegowda, after learning about Chandrashekar failing to perform his duties at school, had asked him to take classes regularly, when Chandrashekar threatened the officer. Following this, the BEO had submitted a 3-page report to the DDPI. Resource Person Mahadevaprasad and Chamarajanagar Education Officer Manjunath too had complained to higher authorities on Chandrashekar not discharging his duties. Taking into account all these, the DDPI suspended him.

It may be recalled that *SOM's* sister concern *Mysooru Mithra* had recently published a detailed report on the arrogance of Chandrashekar, who often skipped taking classes.

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Do these non-working traffic signals serve any purpose?

Several signal lights that have been installed to regulate the rising traffic in the city are not working. These signals have been erected and solar panels have been attached to them to provide energy. Many such signal lights in busy areas including the ones at Freedom Fighter Vedanta Hemmige Circle, MUDA Circle and New Kantharaj Urs Road have been non-functional. Surprisingly, some of them have just the solar panels without the signal lights. These non-functional signal lights have put extra pressure on the Traffic Police and Home Guards as they have to constantly man the traffic.

Telangana CM to double up as 'coolie' for two days

*** TRS Chief declares Apr. 14 to Apr. 20 as 'Gulabi Coolie Days'**

*** To raise money to attend Party's plenary and Formation Day**

Hyderabad, Apr. 15 - Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has announced that he too will work as a 'coolie' for two days along with his Cabinet colleagues, other law-makers and all leaders of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) Party to raise money to attend the Party's plenary and Formation Day public meeting scheduled be held later this month. They will work as labourers to earn the money to bear their respective cost for attending the meet.

The TRS chief declared that Apr. 14 to Apr. 20 will be 'Gulabi (pink) coolie days'. He urged every party worker to work for at least two days to earn the money to meet transportation and other costs.

The TRS will hold its plenary at Kompally near Hyderabad on Apr. 21 while a massive public meeting is planned at Warangal on Apr. 27 to mark the party's Formation Day.

KCR, as Rao is popularly known, said TRS had 51 lakh members when the government was formed in 2014 and the number had now gone up to over 75 lakh. The party is expected to get Rs. 25 crore as membership fee.

Party's plenary will elect the President. Senior leader and Home Minister N. Narasimha Reddy will act as Presiding Officer. "You will see the election result", was how KCR reacted when asked about the speculations that his son and Cabinet Minister K.T. Rama Rao will take over as the Party Chief.

Education for ST students

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (US)- The Tribal Development Project Office has invited applications from meritorious Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates who are socio-economically backward for providing education at prestigious institutions.

The candidates should have passed 5th standard with over 60% marks and their annual income should be below Rs. 2 lakh. 50% of the seats are reserved for girls and out of the total seats, 50% is reserved for rural candidates.

The applications can be obtained from the Project Co-ordinator or from the Taluk Social Welfare Officer and submitted before May 20. For details call Ph: 0821-2427140.

Good Friday observed in city

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (US) - The Christian brethren of city observed Good Friday, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, with religious fervour and traditional gaiety yesterday. The day is hailed as a symbol of devotion, love and sacrifice.

At a mass conducted at St. Philomena's Church by Mysuru Bishop Rev. K.A. William, hundreds of Christians lined up at the Church and offered prayers.

Delivering the benediction, Rev. K.A. William hailed Jesus Christ as a symbol of love and sacrifice who bore the pain and got crucified for the welfare of humanity.

He added that the action of the Lord was a pointer to the people in the world who were after hatred and jealousy.

Holy Saturday service (Apr. 15) will begin from 10.30 pm which will go on past midnight.

On Easter Sunday (Apr. 16), morning mass will be held at 5 am, 6 am, 7 am and 8 am. Evening mass will be held at 6 pm.

The special prayers, mass and services will be conducted by the Mysuru Bishop. St. Joseph's Cathedral Parish Priest Fr. N.T. Joseph and other priests will attend the services.

Awareness programme on cashless transaction held

Digital banking has picked up in rural areas after demonetisation, says Lead Bank Manager

Mysuru, Apr. 15 - The Mysuru District Administration and Lead Bank, Mysuru, had organised an awareness programme on cashless transaction at Zilla Panchayat auditorium here yesterday to promote digital money and cashless transactions. The authorities said that cashless transactions were picking up in rural Mysuru. The programme was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep.

Lead Bank Chief Manager K.N. Shivalingaiah said that after demonetisation of Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 500 currency notes in November 2016, digital banking has picked up in rural areas. To promote cashless transactions, payments are being made through biometric system to job card holders under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme. The card holders just need to seed their Aadhaar card numbers to utilise the transaction, he said.

Shivalingaiah said to promote digital transactions in rural areas, the authorities have appointed business correspondents in villages with a population of over 2,000 people. A majority of villagers are coming forward to use Point of Sale (POS) and biometric machines for transactions, he said.

He said that there is a good demand for PoS from customers as banks have been providing the machines to customers either on rent or on commission basis. He explained that three types of machines are available for digital transaction POS — point of sale terminal, POSTN — an electronic device used to process card payments at retail locations and GPRS based system. The respective banks decide on the charges and a few banks have also issued machines without any charges to their customers, he said.

As many as 35 POS machines, 25 Rupay cards were distributed among the businessmen who attended the programme. Mysuru Assistant Commissioner C.L. Ananda, ZP Finance Officer Nagaraju, SBI Mysuru Assistant General Manager K.P. Mahadevakumar and others were present.

Installation of BAI team

Mysuru, Apr.15- S. Mahadevaswamy took over as the Chairman of BAI, Mysore Centre, during the installation ceremony of new office-bearers for the year 2017-18 at Golden Landmark Resort in city recently.

National Vice-President of BAI for South Zone-2 S. Narasimha Reddy, who was the Installing Officer, administered the oath of office to the incoming team. The following are the other team members:

Vice-Chairman: J.V.R. Naidhruva; Immediate Past Chairman: N. Subramanya; Hon. Secretary: M. Rathnaraj; Hon. Joint Secretary: M.G. Somashekar; Hon. Treasurer: C.D. Krishna; Chairman-Elect (2018-19) K. Subramanya Rao; State Chairman BAI Karnataka: S.R. Swamy.

Malayappan Murali, MD of Shriram Properties, who was the chief guest, spoke about the challenges faced by the builders during all stages of project execution.

He advised Mysuru builders not to dishearten from threats and to take care of all the stakeholders and continue with all the works to achieve their targets specified on time and within the budget.

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Vikram Muthanna

Siddu is ... KING CONG

The Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-election has been a good preliminary exam for Karnataka politicians. While it gave Congress party, which is suffocating under bad leadership, a gasp of air, the BJP choked…and if it does not change strategy it will drown in 2018.

But the most dramatic part of the election was that V. Sreenivasa Prasad, who initiated Siddharamaiah into politics was uninitiated from electoral politics by the same Siddharamaiah! Yes, Sreenivasa Prasad, a man who roared in Nanjangud for three decades, had to purr away from electoral politics.

On the other hand, Siddharamaiah, who on numerous occasions said that he would retire from electoral politics has now, rejuvenated by victory, announced that he will continue in electoral politics. This also signals the birth of another political family because Siddharamaiah's son, MBBS doctor, Dr. Yathindra, has stepped into politics with his involvement in the recent by-elections.

Sreenivasa Prasad didn't want to leave electoral politics but now is forced to leave, while a CM who wanted to leave electoral politics is now enthused to carry on! This reminds me of a line from the Bible, *"The race in not to the swift nor battle to the strong, but time and chance happenth to all."* And as everyone who has followed Karnataka politics knows, when it comes to time and chance *'adrushta'* no one stands a chance against Siddharamaiah.

When it comes to politics, Siddharamaiah is a lucky man. A man who became Dy.CM after being an MLA for just 7 years and then CM by being in another party for just 7 years, while people who have been in a party for over two decades have been deprived of that *gaddi*. Hopefully after this victory, in which D.K. Shivakumar had a significant part to play, Siddharamaiah will make him at least KPCC President, if not a CM candidate.

Now, with the twin victories Siddharamaiah is the King of Congress in Karnataka. With this victory Siddharamaiah is the new YSR of Congress party. A CM who will be allowed to run the show with minimal intrusion from Madame. After all, Capt. Amarinder Singh in Punjab proved that when Congress High Command stays away from a State, Congress does well in that State.

So Siddharamaiah will be given free reins and with that Mallikarjun Kharge, who was hoping to come back to Karnataka to lead the Congress, may have to remain in Delhi for a bit longer.

But while Siddu is the King in Cong…the king-maker will once again be JD(S). After all, it was the JD(S) which allowed Congress to borrow their man Kalale Keshavamurthy to defeat Sreenivasa Prasad. Interestingly while Prasad said Siddharamaiah was a *'Durahankari,'* it seems by compromising with JD(S), a party Siddharamaiah left in revolt, he has shown that when he wants to win, he can let go of his *'Durahankara'*.

While Congress is rejoicing, the BJP is left dazed and confused. But to many this result is not surprising at all. To begin with, there was no need for BJP to so eagerly initiate Prasad into BJP, a party led by a Lingayat community strongman Yeddyurappa. After all, Nanjangud is where the communities of Prasad and Yeddy clashed violently in 1992, the scars of which still remain, so also the memories.

Also how could BJP expect their grassroots workers to support Prasad, a leader they disliked until just six months ago?

It is a lesson for BJP that they cannot take Lingayat community votes for granted just because they have a Lingayat community man leading the party.

While Sreenivasa Prasad resigned and challenged the CM for his *'Swabhimana,'* the Lingayats voted against Sreenivasa Prasad and BJP for their *'Swabhimana'*. The result of Nanjangud, more than a victory for Congress, is a vote for Lingayat pride.

Also what was the need to welcome S.M. Krishna, the 84-year-old former Congressman? Krishna was practicing opportunistic politics but BJP, it seems, was practicing foolish politics.

What was the need to waste time propping up a politically spent force and a leader who even at the peak of his career could not win elections without the help of D.K. Shivakumar?

Seems like BJP's *Operation Kamala,* a scheme to poach effective politicians from other parties, has now turned into *Operation Wilting Kamala* as they are taking only old and spent political forces. And in doing so BJP is withering away. This has frustrated party workers to a point that some of them refused to work for their own party!

Yes, indeed these two victories cannot be a sign of what will happen in 2018. After all, in 2003 when S.M. Krishna was the CM by-elections where held in Humnabad constituency in Bidar and Hunagund constituency in Bagalkot a few months before general elections. Congress, which was then the ruling party, won both the seats by a significant margin, but six months later they lost badly in the general elections.

So for BJP there is still hope, they can start by stopping *Operation Kamala* and sticking to the leaders their party workers' trust. Also let's not forget, Karnataka has a history of never having a party ruling at the Centre also rule our State at the same time. So if Modi wins 2018… we just may have Kumaranna back in the CM seat…and the *nataka* in Karnataka politics may continue.

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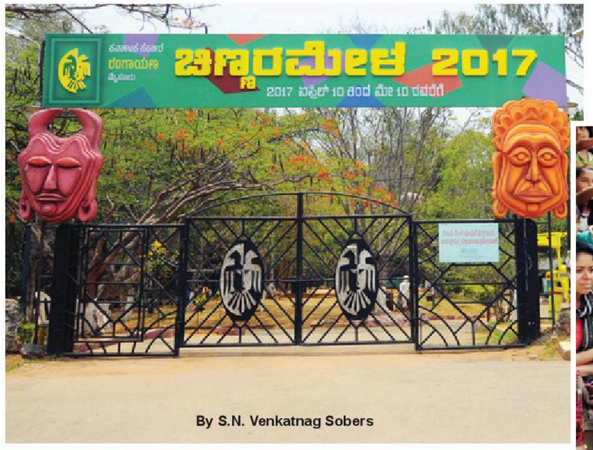
A Summer Retreat



By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Come April, Rangayana premises is a beehive of activities as children take part in the annual *Chinnara Mela* and enjoy their summer holidays by indulging in creative arts taught to them by resource persons at the renowned theatre repertory.

This season, the summer sun is soaring up with the highest of temperatures making it unbearable to step out for even a minute. But come what may, this is every kids favourite season, all thanks to summer camps like *Chinnara Mela* that are not just entertaining but also educative for kids.

Rangayana, in an effort to bring children close to theatre, has been conducting 'Chinnara Mela' since 19 years. During the month-long camping, little ones get to enjoy and indulge in a variety of interesting activities, with the main focus being theatre.

Chinnara Mela was started in the year 1997 when C. Basavalingiah was the Director of Rangayana. It has become popular not only among Mysureans but also among the residents of Mandya, Chamaranagar and even Bengaluru.

Every year around 450 children partake in the summer camp and get introduced to nuances of theatre and other activities involved in a very unique way by a bunch of talented artists. What adds to the beauty of learning theatrical activities at this fun camp is that the children get to enact a beautiful stage play as part of the camp's finale, which their parents will get to witness and feel proud of.

Once the camp starts, the children are divided into 10 groups which are given different names and a teacher from the Rangayana Ranga Shikshana Kendra who is appointed to each group to carry out the daily activities.

The classes commence from 10 am every day with all the 450 students being taught warm-up exercises and body movements by Senior Rangayana artiste Mime

Ramesh, who is the Chinnara Mela director. This is followed by regular classes conducted by both senior and junior artistes.

Rangayana, this year with aim to introduce children to great personalities has named the groups after Natyarani Shanthala, Kalaratna Gubbi Veeranna, Amarashilpi Jakanachari, Santha Shishunala Sharifa, Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur, Peteel Chowdaiah, Raja Ravi Varma, Daana Chinthamani Attimabbe, Parthi Subba and Kamsale Mahadevaiah.

Similar to various festivals conducted by Rangayana with different themes, the Chinnara Mela is also theme based every year. Children are enlightened about various subjects depending on the theme for the year. In the previous years, the summer camps have been conducted on topics such as 'Grama Bharata', during which the children were enlightened about rural India, culture and tradition. They were also introduced to rural games and activities. Later, at the Chinnara Mela based on the theme 'Buddhana Nadinalli Makkala Loka', the kids were taught about the importance of peace and harmony apart from introducing them to Buddha.

Last year, Rangayana had organised the summer camp based on the theme 'Anikethana', the ideology put forth by Rastrakavi Kuvempu. This year the Chinnara Mela is organised based on the theme 'Equality'.

Though there are similar camps organised by various institutions, Chinnara Mela holds its own special place in Mysuru. The summer camp is designed in such a way that children are made to understand importance of the roots of life. They are enlightened about various personalities including Buddha, Basavanna, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and several other social reformers who preached peace and harmony among various communities in the past.

This year, Rangayana has organised various programmes to make the summer camp more interesting. Apart from the usual dog show by the Police Department, there is an interaction on Food and Health, Demonstration from Fire Fighters, concert by singer Vasu Dixit, storytelling by Dr. H.S. Ramachandre Gowda, folk dance and group dance by Vid. Kripa Phadke and troupe, talk on equality on the occasion of Basava Jayanthi, magic show by Suma Rajkumar, nature talk by naturalist Manu, talk on historical buildings in Mysuru and much more.

Rangayana also attracts a lot of volunteers who visit the place to lend their hands during summer camp. At a time when life has become mechanical and none have any time to spare for others and have also been losing out on human values, children here are subjected to various activities which take them away from their modern world; way too away from the electronic gadgets like mobile phones, television sets and video games that the little ones are constantly glued to, mostly due to lack of attention.

No wonder, while Chinnara Mela is open for children in the age group 7-14 years, those who have crossed 14 years of age and had previously participated in the mela are more than happy to participate as volunteers.

Rangayana provides them with such rustic environment which pulls kids towards the mela year after year.

To give it a more rustic look, the classrooms are built using coconut frond and bamboo, which also bring them close to nature. To teach them the importance of nature, the kids are also made to plant saplings, which creates an awareness on the importance of trees and greenery to lead a healthy life.

Senior artistes and the Director of Rangayana personally select the children's plays, which are enacted by the students of Chinnara Mela to mark the valedictory of the camp. The plays are staged at the professional level as they are prepared by professional artistes at the theatre repertory. A large number of audience including the parents throng Rangayana to watch their children perform on stage each time.

Bannada Okuli

The last part of the Chinnara Mela is the Okuli, which is organised to mark the valedictory of Chinnara Mela. Children at this time get to enjoy this event similar to holi celebrations smearing colours at each other and dancing in the waters while the fire-fighters demonstrate fire-fighting mechanisms to mark the end of the Mela. Not to forget there is also the 'Santhe' (flea market) which is organised at the Mela during which children come with various items like vegetables and snacks to sell them in the market. This is only to give a sense of how market functions.

This year's Chinnara Mela began with young yoga champ H. Kushi and National Bravery Award Winner Siya Khode inaugurating the programme. Kushi also performed rhythmic yoga much to the admiration of the audience present at venue.

What next after Chinnara Mela?

After the Chinnara Mela, Rangayana opens its door for amateur theatre groups. Various amateur groups from Mysuru, Bengaluru and other parts of the State are invited to stage plays on weekends when Rangayana artistes are on a long holiday.

Later, soon after the colleges reopen after summer vacations, Rangayana reaches out to various colleges across the city and lends its expertise to teach students the nuances of theatre. After a month training, Rangayana organises 'B.V. Karanath College Theatre Festival' during the students from each participating college stage plays which are directed by the senior Rangayana artistes.

The Navarathri Rangotsava also attracts a lot of theatre buffs to its fold with Rangayana artistes staging plays on all nine days. This apart, Rangayana also honours artistes, senior theatrists and folklorists in recognition of their contribution.

But, the most awaited of all is the Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival which is held during the month of January every year.

Siya Khode
An epitome of bravery

There are several examples of children becoming national heroes for their act of bravery and being honoured with National Bravery Awards for saving people's lives. Recipients of such awards are taken on a parade during the annual Republic Day celebrations on Rajpath in New Delhi.

One among the children who were given away bravery award this year was 14-year-old Siya Vamansa Khode from Dharwad, who saved her then two-year-old (in 2015) younger brother Yallappa Khode from being electrocuted by risking her own life. Siya received the Indian Council for Child Welfare's (ICCW) National Bravery Award from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Jan. 23 this year.

This brave girl was the chief guest to inaugurate this year's Chinnara Mela organised by Rangayana. Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Siya narrated her act of bravery while she was playing with cousins and Yallappa on the rooftop of her aunt's place. After playing, Siya and cousins came down the stairs but to her surprise, her younger brother was nowhere to be found.

"Initially I thought that he (Yallappa) was playing hide-and-seek with me. I called him many times but there was no response. Suddenly I rushed to the rooftop and I was shocked. He had come in contact with a live wire and was in a semi-conscious state", she said.

Normally in such situation, children run back or call for help. But Siya acted swiftly and tried to pull Yallappa and failed in her first attempt. Second time, she pulled him with all her strength and was successful. Soon, her parents and relatives rushed to the terrace and shifted Yallappa to a nearby hospital. Doctors appreciated Siya for saving her younger brother's life.

Soon, the news spread all over the district and Siya was honoured by many organisations and also by State Government before her name was recommended for the National Bravery Award.

"I felt very proud to be receiving the award from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. We spoke briefly and when I said I wanted to serve in the Indian Army when I grow up, he patted by back," said Siya.

At a time when we still find people blaming their fate for having a girl child, it is girls like Siya who make the world proud. Hats off Siya !

Siya Khode is seen with her mother Vijayashree, father Vamanasa Khode and younger brother Yallappa Khode during the inauguration of Chinnara Mela at Rangayana recently.

When the 'list' controlled the long queue...

Policemen controlling long queues - either for a cricket match or for movie tickets or at a place of worship - is a common thing. But an orderly crowd waiting patiently for their turn for hours together just to obtain an application form is something rare. That too if one has to wait for the application form a day before it is issued!

Yes. This happened before the application forms were being issued by theatre repertory Karnataka Nataka Rangayana for its annual Chinnara Mela summer camp that began on Apr. 10. Parents, eager to get an application form stood in the queue on Apr. 2, one day before the applications were issued.

They arrived at Rangayana at 8.30 pm and spent the entire night on campus. Seeing the crowd the next day, some Policemen arrived to maintain order in case of trouble. However, what they witnessed was a systematic crowd that ensured the application issuance process was incident-free.

Parents had to come one day early as many feared that they would not get the application forms as there have been examples of many parents returning empty handed despite standing in queue a day in advance.

It was 10.30 pm on April 2 when S. Habeebulla, a resident of Rajivnagar and Producer with Regional Institute of Education (RIE) arrived at Rangayana premises. He was surprised to see a few parents who had already queued up in front of the closed Rangayana gates for the applications. He was one among the parents who wanted an application form to admit his son to the summer camp.

With only 300 applications reserved for the general public, Habeebulla, along with a few other parents, decided to make a list of people who had come for applications forms. At around 4 am the next day, the number had already crossed 300 and it touched 450 by 6 am.

To ensure that only genuine people stood in the queue, Habeebulla took regular attendance of all 450 people who had registered their names. Each person was given a number according to the time of their arrival and when the numbers were being called the concerned person had to shout his name. If the name mismatched with the list, the person had to leave the queue. Since all parents had come to a consensus, it was easy for Habeebulla to execute the plan.

The next day when the gates of Rangayana opened, people stood in the same order as it was mentioned in the list and collected the application by paying the prescribed fee.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Habeebulla said, "We cannot depend on the Police for small issues like these. As responsible citizens it is our duty to see that things are done without complications. It is only to show what people can do when they come together."

When asked what made him do such a thing, he said that when he was working at Educational Multimedia Research centre (EMRC) in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, he used to find it difficult to book Tatkal train tickets to Mysuru as local residents would push around people who stood in overnight queues. There have been times when Habeebulla has travelled from Bhubaneswar to Mysuru with unreserved tickets.

Later, Habeebulla decided to take the help of Railway Protection Force personnel at the reservation centre in Bhubaneswar where a similar successful list was made to help travellers book their tickets.

Habeebulla, the person who prepared the list.

While Habeebulla has played the role of a responsible citizen, it is up to Rangayana to take similar initiatives at least from next year for a hassle-free application distribution.

— S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Two-day National Conference on astrology and palmistry begins

2,000 astrologers, palmists and priests participate

Minister for Textiles and Muzrai Rudrappa Manappa Lamani, is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the two-day National-level Astrology and Palmistry conference at Kalamandira here this morning. Picture right shows a section of the audience.

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (US&MTY)- A two-day national conference on 'Astrology and Palmistry' organised jointly by Sri Mayakara Gurukula, Mysuru and Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru began this morning at Kalamandira here.

About 2,000 astrologers palmists and priests from State and other places are participating in the conference which features several sessions with resource persons deliberating on various aspects of astrology and palmistry with focus on new techniques.

Inaugurating the conference Rudrappa Manappa Lamani, Minister for Textiles and Muzrai said that astrology, when used in the right and fair perspective, can predict various effects across the world in advance. However, he regretted that a few astrologers greedy of money were fleecing people thus bringing disgrace to the good concepts of astrology. He cited the example of astrologers predicting on TV with just a minute of hearing from an aggrieved person which was misleading the gullible people.

He said that the money given to *archakas* at Muzrai temples for incidental expenses has been increased by Rs. 1,000 a month and the salary too will be hiked shortly to Rs. 13,000.

Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar, Deputy Registrar, Karnataka State Open University, delivered the keynote address and stressed the need to give astrology its due recognition going by its true merits.

Sri 1008 Jagadguru Siddalinga Raja Deshikendra Shivacharya Swamiji of Shree Ujjini Saddharma Simhasana Mahasamsthana Peetha graced the occasion along with Swamijis of other ashrams.

MLA M.K. Somashekar released a poster of Sri Mayakara Prabhu. Karnataka Sanskrit University VC Padma Shekar released the book Jeeva Naadi. Scholar K.G. Puttahonnaiah presided.

Siddu meets Rahul

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Sources said that the CM will also push for a change of guard in the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) while KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara, who is also the Home Minister, is expected to lobby for his continuation. Interestingly, the name of Energy Minister D.K. Shivakumar, a Vokkaliga strongman, is doing the rounds for KPCC President. The name of former Minister and Kolar MP K.H. Muniyappa is also doing the rounds.

Sources said that Siddharamaiah is under severe pressure from eight candidates who are lobbying for three Legislative Council seats. The Cabinet vacancies arose following the resignation of H.Y. Meti over a sex scandal and the passing away of Co-operation and Sugar Minister H.S. Mahadevaprasad, whose wife Dr. Geetha Mahadevaprasad won the Gundlupet by-election.

In the Legislative Council, three seats have been vacant for the past one year following the completion of the term of Kannada actor Jaggesh, educationalist and social worker P.V. Krishna Bhat and BJP leader Lehar Singh, all nominated during the previous BJP regime. However, Lehar Singh was elected to the Council from the Legislative Assembly constituency.

Party sources said the CM is keen on inducting a Kuruba in place of Meti as he belonged to the same community. He is expected to choose between Kundagol MLA C.S. Shivalli, Badami MLA B.B. Chimmanakatti and MLC H.M. Revanna. He is also reportedly keen on inducting Geetha Mahadevaprasad, a Lingayat. The other contender is Tiptur MLA K. Shadakshari. State Congress Leaders including KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara, Bengaluru Development Minister K.J. George, KPCC Working President Dinesh Gundu Rao, political advisor to Chief Minister Govindaraju are in New Delhi for a meeting with party bosses. They are expected to return to Bengaluru on Monday.

When a cop saved a train accident victim

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Beeresh then managed to stop a private vehicle and convinced the driver to take Kishore to Mysuru. Beeresh paid the transportation charges and it was late in the night when they reached the K.R. Hospital.

Beeresh's next task was to get two units of blood as a lot of blood had flown out of Kishore's body. He managed to get the blood after which the K.R. Hospital doctors cleaned the wound and plastered his leg. Beeresh waited till the doctors completed the procedures and after Kishore was shifted to the ward, he came to Maddur and it was 2 am when he reached home.

"I have done my job and if I had waited for the 108 Ambulance in Maddur, there was a danger to Kishore's life," said Beeresh and expressed happiness that Kishore was recovering well.

Kishore is now recuperating at the hospital and is a bit disoriented. Not much is known about Kishore and he gets angry when he is questioned. Doctors said that his medical condition is forcing Kishore to get angry on visitors. His condition is, however, stable.

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Concrete road divider posing danger in Kuvempunagar

One of the concrete road dividers placed in the junction of Adichunchanagiri Road and Udayaravi Road in Kuvempunagar is posing danger to motorists as the concrete block is protruding and posing risk. Authorities concerned are urged to step in and take steps to place the concrete road dividers in line for the benefit of everyone.

Overflowing sewage opposite Suburban Bus Stand

Sewage water overflowing from a manhole near Maharaja Complex, opposite Suburban Bus Stand, is causing a lot of inconvenience to motorists, pedestrians and the public especially the shop owners as the sewage water is getting collected in front of the complex. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the place cleaned.

Stagnant sewage water emanating foul smell in Shanthinagar

The stagnant sewage water from the overflowing manhole located in the corner of Shanthinagar 9th Cross and Rajivnagar 1st Stage is emanating unbearable foul smell causing inconvenience to the residents living in the surroundings. This apart, there is also an increase in mosquitoes as the stagnant sewage water has become a breeding place for the mosquitoes. Will the authorities concerned take steps to rectify the manhole at the earliest?

Awards presentation marks 62nd Railway Week celebrations

Mysuru, Apr.15- The Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) celebrated the 62nd Railway Week on Apr. 12.

Speaking on the occasion, Atul Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), SWR, Mysuru Division, said that Mysuru Division had won Efficiency Shields for Medical & Safety branches for the year 2016-17 which were presented by General Manager, SWR at Hubballi a few days ago.

Highlighting the performance of the Division in the FY 2016-17, Gupta said that Mysuru Division had transported 4.815 million tonnes of originating freight. The overall revenue of the Division stood at Rs. 608.97 crore, he said and added that the total number of originating passengers carried was 4.82 crore.

Gupta informed that 35 level crossing gates in the Division were eliminated in 2016-17 aimed at achieving higher safety and productivity.

He also listed various passenger amenity works executed in the Division such as escalators, lifts and subway at Mysuru, development of Kabakaputtur station under Adarsh station norms, extension of platform/ platform shelters, provision of Point Of Sale (PoS) machines at 39 locations to ease rush in ticket counters, free high speed WiFi at Mysuru Station, etc.

The DRM said that the Innovation Cell of the Division had been successful in rolling out 11 innovative schemes with eight of them already having been implemented.

The major innovation being deployment of drones for survey of vulnerable 55-km ghat section from Sakaleshpur to Subramanya Road, he added.

Employees from different branches of the Division were honoured on this occasion for their outstanding contribution during the Financial Year 2016-17. A total of 109 individual and 13 group awards were distributed. Cultural programmes were also organised.

P. Ram, Additional Divisional Railway Manager and other senior officials were present, according to a press release from S.G. Yatish, Sr.Divisional Commercial Manager, SWR, Mysuru.

Continuation of experimental train stoppage

Mysuru, Apr.15-Railways have decided to continue the one minute experimental stoppage provided for following trains at Bannikoppa until further advice:

1. Train No. 16591 Hubballi - Mysuru Hampi Daily Express at 20.00 (A)/ 20.01 (D).

2. Train No. 57273 Hubballi - Tirupati Fast Passenger at 07.54(A)/ 07.55 (D).

3. Train No. 16592 Mysuru - Hubballi Hampi Daily Express at 08.24(A)/ 08.25 (D).

4. Train No. 57274 Tirupati - Hubballi Fast Passenger at 18.25(A)/ 18.26 (D).

Trains to run with LHB coaches permanently

The following trains are provided with Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches in place of conventional coaches. LHB coaches can accommodate more passengers than the conventional coaches.

1. Train No.16502 Yesvantpur- Ahmadabad Weekly Express will run with LHB coaches from Apr. 16, 2017 and Train No.16501 Ahmadabad-Yesvantpur will run with LHB coaches from Apr.18.

2. Train No.12291 Yesvantpur - Chennai Weekly Express will run with LHB coaches from Apr. 21 and Train No.12291 Chennai- Yesvantpur will run with LHB coaches from Apr.22.

Both trains will have the revised composition of 21 coaches each comprising one AC 2-tier coach, two AC 3-tier coaches, fourteen second class sleeper coaches, one general second class coach, one pantry car and two luggage and brake with generator.

Cancellation of Tiruchirappalli-Krishnarajapuram train

Train No. 06049/06050 Tiruchirappalli - Krishnarajapuram- Tiruchirappalli Bi-weekly Special train with special fare to clear extra rush of passengers during summer from 19.3.2017 to 28.6.2017 is cancelled with effect from 19.4.2017 due to poor occupancy.

Bi-Weekly Special between Coimbatore-Krishnarajapuram

Railways will run Bi-weekly Special train with special fare between Coimbatore and Krishnarajapuram to clear extra rush of passengers during summer.

Train No. 06059 Coimbatore- Krishnarajapuram departs from Coimbatore at 06.25 hrs on all Sundays and Wednesdays from Apr.19 to June 28, 2017 and arrives at Krishnarajapuram at 14.30 hrs on all Sundays and Wednesdays. The train arrives/departs at Tiruppur(07.10/07.12), Erode (08.00/08.05), Salem (09.05/09.10), Tiruppatur (11.30/11.35), Kuppam (12.16/12.17) and Bangarpet (12.45/12.47).

Train No. 06060 Krishnarajapuram - Coimbatore departs from Krishnarajapuram at 21.30 hrs on all Sundays and Wednesdays from Apr.19 to June 28, 2017 and arrives at Coimbatore at 05.40 hrs on all Mondays and Thursdays. The train arrives/departs at Bangarpet (22.30/22.32), Kuppam (23.01/23.02), Tiruppatur (00.50/01.05), Salem (02.40/02.42), Erode (03.40/03.45) and Tiruppur (04.29/04.31).

Train No. 06059/06060 Coimbatore - Krishnarajapuram - Coimbatore Bi-weekly will have 17 coaches comprising two second class sleeper coaches, five second class chair car, eight general second class coaches and two luggage-cum-brake vans. Advance booking is open, according to a press release from the Chief Public Relations Officer, SWR, Hubballi.

Actor Chandan inaugurates free summer camp for kids at Bal Bhavan

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (US&SP) - A fortnight-long 'Bal Bhavan Summer Camp-2017' organised by District Jawahar Bal Bhavan commenced this morning at its premises in Bannimantap here.

The camp is free for children and not a commercial venture to fleece the parents. Enough Resource Persons have been deployed at the camp to expose kids to clay art, origami, desi games, computers, environmental protection and many more creative events.

Fire Brigade personnel will educate children on putting out accidental fires while Corporator Snake Shyam will educate children on snakes and their behaviour with live demonstration.

Also on cards are magic show, cultural programmes and a visit to Mysore Dairy to enable children get an idea of milk processing, according to K.Radha, Deputy Director, Department of Women and Child Welfare. About 100 children have enrolled for the summer camp.

The camp was inaugurated by actor Chandan by releasing a bunch of balloons. Addressing the children, he advised them to learn various relevant topics in the camp and implement them at home. He asked children to focus on conservation of water and protection of environment not to exclude healthy food for sound health. He also rendered a song and entertained the kids.

Similar summer camps are being held at two places in every taluk of the district.

K. Padma, Women and Child Development Officer, Shivalingappa, Child Development Project Officer, K.V. Krishnamurthy, Chief Co-ordinator, Bal Bhavan and others were present.

Associations to take out rally against Tanveer Sait on Apr. 29

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (SP&DM)- The SC/ST Employees Association Honorary President Shantaraju has said that a massive rally will be taken out in city on Apr.29 in protest against the 'false' case filed against him and six others by Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Tanveer Sait in Bengaluru recently.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan her this morning, Shantaraju alleged that Minster Tanveer Sait had lodged a false complaint against him when he went to meet the Minister at his Chambers in Vidhana Soudha on Apr. 11.

Claiming that he did not threaten the Minister and had only requested him to lower the minimum marks for SC/ST candidates in the appointment of PUC lecturers, Shantaraju accused the Minister of unnecessarily targeting him.

He further said that many associations and organisations have extended support to the protest rally, which will commence at 11 am from Town Hall and culminate at the DC office. Writer K. Govindaraju and others were present at the press meet.

Obituary

H.N.Rajagopal

Mysuru, Apr.15 - H.N.Rajagopal (86), a retired Civil Engineer and an alumnus of NIE, Mysuru, passed away at his residence in Bengaluru today (Apr. 15) at 5.30 am following a brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Usha Rajagopal, two daughters, a son, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives, friends and ex-colleagues.

Rajagopal was the son-in-law of late V.L.Ramachandra Rao, who was a resident of Devaparthiva Road in Chamarajapuram, Mysuru.

The last rites will be held in Bengaluru on Monday (Apr. 17) after his son arrives from the USA.

Family can be contacted on Mob: 93419 51812.

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Daredevils take on Kings at Kotla

New Delhi, Apr. 15 - The IPL bandwagon arrives in Delhi for the first time in 2017 as the Delhi Daredevils take on Kings XI Punjab later in the day.

The Delhi Daredevils have one win from two outings, while their opponents Kings XI Punjab have two wins from three matches. In their most-recent match Sanju Samson's ton, the first of IPL 2017, powered the Daredevils to an emphatic 97-run win over Rising Pune Supergiant. Zaheer Khan's young team will take plenty of confidence from that win and look to notch a second win when they play their first home fixture of the season. At the start of the season, an inexperienced bat-

Zaheer Khan Glenn Maxwell

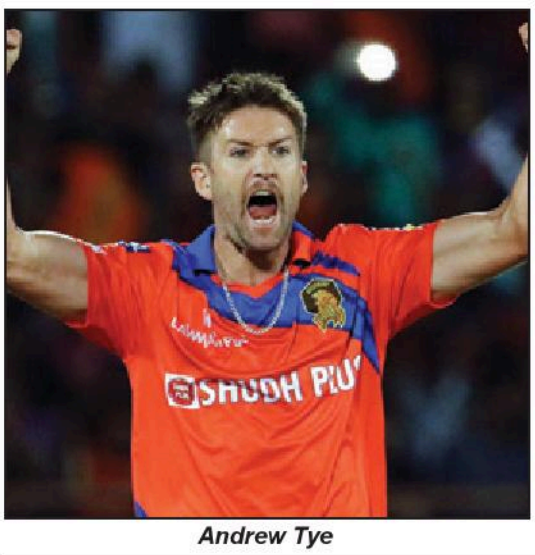
ting line-up was pointed to be DD's weakness; yet, true to the motto of the IPL, "where talent meets opportunity", it has been heartening to see a talented youngster like Sanju Samson rise to the occasion and deliver on the grand stage. DD could make a change or two to the XI that did duty in the last match; apart from Shreyas Iyer, who has recovered from the illness that made him unavailable for the first two weeks, Jayant Yadav and Mohammed Shami too stand a chance of getting their first match of the season.

Kings XI Punjab must be disappointed with their performance against Kolkata Knight Riders on Thursday night. At one stage in the innings they looked good to post a total around 200, but eventually ended up with 170. In the run-chase they were caught unawares and were blown away by the opening batsman Sunil Narine. Prior to the defeat against KKR, KXIP had two convincing wins; they chased down 164 and 149 against RPS and RCB respectively, losing a total of six wickets in both those run-chases. KXIP will need to bring in more match awareness and react quicker in the field, quicker than they did against KKR the other night, if and when they are challenged.

KXIP obviously prefer chasing; they have a hundred percent record in run-chases this season. It will be interesting to see what Glenn Maxwell will do if he calls correctly at the coin toss.

There will be many more eyes following Sanju Samson, after his hundred on Tuesday. There will be a degree of curiosity to see if that knock was a flash-in-the-pan performance, or if the youngster can start stitching together consistent performances. Rishabh Pant is another youngster one should keep a close watch on; being a local lad, the teenager will be keen to make a significant contribution to his team and entertain his home crowd. In the KXIP line-up, Manan Vohra is playing fearless cricket; the youngster has got starts in each of the three matches but is yet to score more than 34. He needs to make a significant score. Maxwell and Miller (KXIP) have proven credentials, having caused plenty of damage at the highest level; they are the most important names in the KXIP batting line-up.

Badree, Tye enter history books



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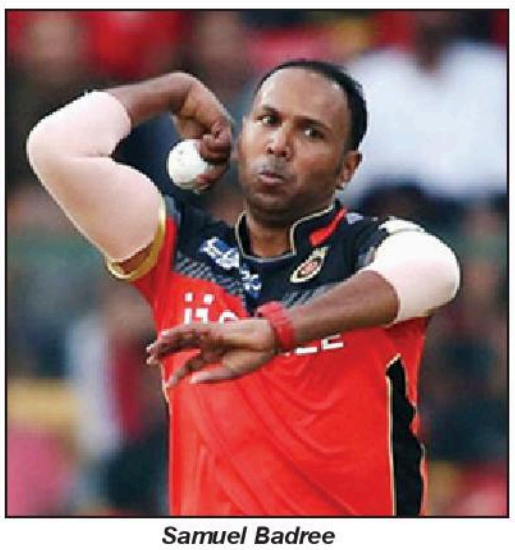

Samuel Badree

Bengaluru/Rajkot, Apr.15 - Gujarat Lions pacer Andrew Tye and Royal Challengers Bangalore's leg-spinner Samuel Badree entered the history books as they both claimed a hat-trick in their respective matches yesterday.

In the first match, West Indian Samuel Badree became the bowler claim the first hat-trick of the season by scalping the wickets of Parthiv Patel, Mitch McClenaghan and Rohit Sharma of Mumbai Indians at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

Badree also claimed the wicket of Nitish Rana later in the innings to finish with figures of four for nine in his four overs. He became the 12th man in history of IPL to claim a hat-trick.

In the second game of the day, Australian Andrew Tye took a hat-tick on his IPL debut by dismissing Ankit Sharma, Manoj Tiwary and Shardul Thakur in the final over of the Rising Pune Supergiant innings at Rajkot. It could have been four wickets in over if Ravindra Jadeja hadn't dropped the Rahul Chahar's catch at deep mid-wicket. Finally, Tye finished with impressive figures of five for 17 in his four overs.

Biddatanda Hockey Namme-2017

306 teams vie for honours

Napoklu, Apr. 15 (VNS) - The hockey buffs in Kodagu will witness the Rest of India (RoI) led by V. Raghunath taking on Karnataka and Coorg Regiment teams in an exhibition match to mark the inauguration of Biddatanda Hockey Namme - 2017 at Napoklu on Monday.

The exhibition match will be played at one of the newly prepared grounds at Napoklu. This year a record 306 teams have registered for the tournament. The Biddatanda Hockey Namme will be inaugurated by Olympian and Arjuna Awardee Dr. Anjaparavanda B. Subbaiah on Apr. 17 (Monday) at 10.30 am at General Thimmayya Stadium, Government High School premises, Napoklu. Kodava Hockey Academy Founder President Pandanda M. Kuttappa will be the guest. Biddatanda Hockey Namme Hon. President and Family Pattedar Prof. Biddatanda C. Ponnappa will preside.

Ministers Kagodu Thimmappa and Ramanath Rai, former Minister Meriyanda.C. Nanaiah, MP Prathap Simha, MLAs K.G. Bopaiah, Mandepanda P. Appachu Ranjan and MLCs Shantheyanda Veena Achaiah and Mandepanda Sunil Subramani, SP Rajendra Prasad, Hockey Coorg President Paikera Kalaiah and Keshava Prasad Muliya of Muliya Foundation will be the chief guests.

City's boxing coach for Asian Championship

New Delhi, Apr. 15 - Mysore's very own, national boxing coach **C.A. Kuttappa** has been selected to accompany the national elite's men team selected for the upcoming Asian Boxing Championships to be held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan from Apr. 27 to May 8.

Currently at NIS Patiala, the team is headed to Astana, Kazakhstan for training at the AIBA academy ahead of their participation at the Asian Championships.

Kuttappa who has been with the elite men's team for the past ten years has been selected as coach among five others, for the team consisting of ten boxers, including Olympians Shiva Thapa, Manoj Kumar and Vikas Krishnan.

In the past Kuttappa has trained the Olympian medallist Vijender Kumar and more recently was accompanying the Indian Boxing men's team that participated at Rio Olympics, 2016.

IPL Season-10

Today's Matches

Kolkata Knight Riders Vs Sunrisers

Eden Gardens, Kolkata, 4 pm

Delhi Daredevils Vs Kings XI Punjab

Feroz Shah Kotla Ground, New Delhi, 8 pm

Tomorrow's Matches

Mumbai Indians Vs Gujarat Lions

Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, 4 pm

Royal Challengers Bangalore Vs Rising Pune Supergiants

M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru, 8 pm

Yesterday's Results

RCB 142 for 5 in 20 overs
lost to
MI 145 for 6 in 18.5 overs

RPS 171 for 8 in 20 overs
lost to
GL 172 for 3 in 18 overs

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RTO may slash fee hike

Bengaluru, Apr. 15 - The State Government may cut fees for Driver's Licence, Fitness Certificates and Vehicle Registration following widespread protests against the hike in January.

Sources said that Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy held a meeting with the representatives of various lorry owners associations and transporters during which a decision was taken to reduce the fees.

It may be recalled that fees for various RTO services were hiked by five times which attracted protests not only from various transport associations but also from general public.

The fee for Learner's Licence was increased from Rs. 30 to Rs. 150 while the fee for DL was increased to Rs. 500 from Rs.50, including the fee for driving competence test. The fee for registration of new vehicle (RC) went up from Rs. 25 to Rs. 50 with an additional Rs. 200 charged for smart cards.

In the meeting held with Minister Ramalinga Reddy, the members of various associations requested for a three-time rollback in fee or for marginal hike. It is said that the Minister has agreed to reduce the fee. However, the revised fee list is yet to be announced.

11 engineering students drown in Maharashtra beach

Belagavi, Apr. 15- In a tragic incident, 11 students of an Engineering College in Belagavi reportedly drowned at a beach in Maharashtra last evening.

The students were part of a 40-member group of the college which was on a tour of Maharashtra. The tragedy occurred when some of the students went for a swim in Malwan Wayari beach in Sindhudurg district.

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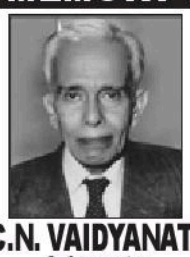
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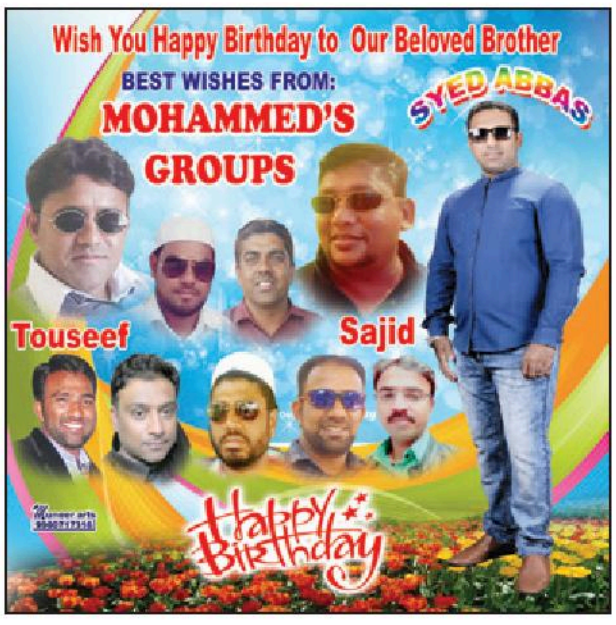

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WORD OF THE DAY

Pittance

Pronunciation: PIT-unss

Meaning: A small portion, amount, or allowance; also : a meagre wage or remuneration; a very small or inadequate amount of money.

Origin: It's a pity when you haven't anything but a pittance. And in fact, pity and pittance share etymological roots. The Middle English word pittance came from Anglo-French pitance, meaning "pity" or "piety." Originally, a pittance was a gift or bequest to a religious community, or a small charitable gift. Ultimately, the word comes from the Latin pietas, meaning "piety" or "compassion." Our words pity and piety come from pietas as well.

THE ODD WORD

Defenestrate

To throw (a person or thing) out of a window.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth

Meaning: Don't be ungrateful when you receive a gift; don't find fault with something that you have discovered or been given.

Origin: Proverbs are 'short and expressive sayings, in common use, which are recognised as conveying some accepted truth or useful advice'. This example, also often expressed as 'never look a gift horse in the mouth', is as pertinent today as it ever was.

As horses develop they grow more teeth and their existing teeth begin to change shape and project further forward. Determining a horse's age from its teeth is a specialist task, but it can be done. This incidentally is also the source of another teeth/age related phrase - long in the tooth.

As with most proverbs the origin is ancient and unknown. We have some clues with this one however. The phrase appears in print in English in 1546, as "don't look a given horse in the mouth", in John Heywood's A dialogue conteinyng the nomber in effect of all the prouerbes in the Englishe tongue, where he gives it as:

"No man ought to looke a geuen hors in the mouth."

It is probable that Heywood obtained the phrase from a Latin text of St. Jerome, The Letter to the Ephesians, circa AD 400, which contains the text 'Noliequidentesinspiceredonati' (Never inspect the teeth of a given horse). Where St Jerome got it from we aren't ever likely to know.

QUOTE BOX

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

RIDDLE THIS

I cannot hear or even see, but sense light and sounds there may be.
Sometimes I end up on the hook, or even deep into a book.
What am I?

Answer: A worm.

SUDOKU

	3							
					5		9	
6						2		7
5			7	3		9		
	8	6	5		9	4	2	
		2		8	4			5
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	4		8					
							1	

Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	5	6	4	2	8	9	1
1	2	8	3	7	9	5	6	4
4	6	9	8	5	1	7	3	2
9	1	6	7	2	5	4	8	3
2	7	4	9	3	8	6	1	5
8	5	3	4	1	6	9	2	7
3	9	2	5	6	7	1	4	8
6	4	7	1	8	3	2	5	9
5	8	1	2	9	4	3	7	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Electric current units
5 Cricket ground in London
10 Consume gluttonously
13 Imbecile or moron
14 East Indian language
15 Locked up
16 Rudeness
18 The sesame plant
19 Firmament overhead?
20 Russian sea
24 "Sad" change for newspaper revenue?
27 Royal Engineers troops
29 Inspect, summary or synopsis
32 Fixed, fastened
33 Be victorious or gain
35 Pounds per sq in.
36 Persian of old
37 Boy's name,in short
39 RK's Kal __ Aur Kal
42 Accommodative and compliant?
45 Stevie Ray Vaughan's forte
49 You need to spend them in Moscow or Leningrad?
50 Fable writer
51 Most excellent or of best breeding
52 Members of English nobility
53 Serving plate in the hands of a waiter

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

■	P	A	S	■	■	T	D	P	■	■	■	■	■	■
P	A	D	U	A	■	R	A	R	E	R	■	■	■	■
D	E	C	A	M	P	■	A	N	O	D	E	■	■	■
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L	E	S	S	O	N	■	I	T	A	L	I	C	■	■
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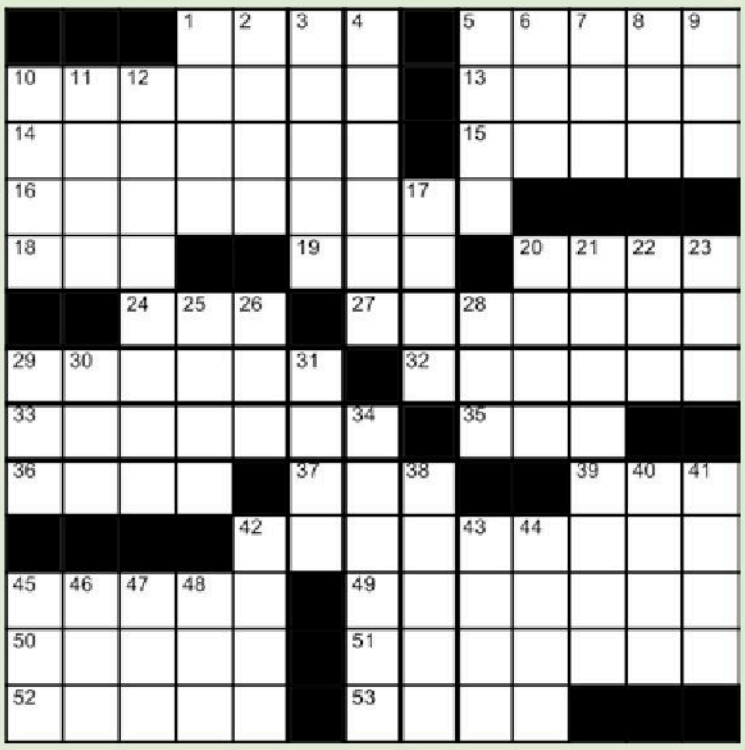
■	H	A	N	S	E	■	M	E	T	E	S	■	■	■
■	■	■	D	E	R	■	■	D	A	S	■	■	■	■

DOWN

1 Jason's vessel
2 Occasion when food is taken
3 Whitens; becomes ashen
4 Has a very offensive odour?
5 Parasitic insects
6 Room within a harem
7 A set of clothing with accessories
8 Buck's mate
9 PCO facility
10 Death column, in short
11 ___ , Vidi, vici : I came, I saw, I conquered?
12 Subjugated, vanquished or overpowered
17 Greenish blue
20 Army Photographic Intell. Serv.
21 Trustworthy
22 To be - a change of "era"?
23 '60s drug briefly
25 Plunge
26 Arabian is the closest one to us
28 Soft food for infants
29 Rotational speed, in short
30 Before or previous to, poetically speaking
31 ___ cats : lions or tigers
34 ___ by heart : memorized?
38 Track of wild animal
40 Pub drinks
41 Banter; object of derision?
42 Snakes - "pass" for a change?
43 Low-pitched brass instrument
44 With competence
45 ___ blood : ill-feeling?
46 Rumanian coin
47 River in Wales
48 Equal opportunity employer abbr



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UZO USNMPWO QGUZ ZJKGHX JH NFOH IGHT, ND

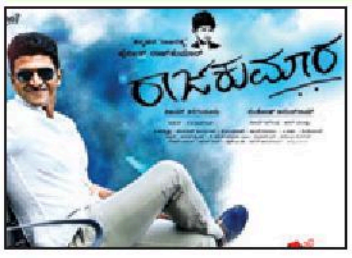
ANMSVO, GV UZJU FONFWO QGWW GHVGVU NH ANIGHX

JWNHX JHT USLGHX UN FMU UZGHXV GH GU

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is no coincidence that in no known language does the phrase 'As pretty as an Airport' appear - Douglas Adams.

EDITOR'S CHOICE



The Kannada family action film *'Raajakumara'* is written and directed by Santhosh Anandram and produced by Vijay Kiragandur under the Hombale Films banner. It stars Puneeth Rajkumar and Priya Anand in lead roles.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Chakravarthy	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Raajakumara	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Chowka	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Hebbuli	Sri Maruthi	94489-06100	4 Shows
Kirik Party	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
No ball	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Begum Jaan	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Aadamkhor Forest	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Fast and Furious-8	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Sivalinga	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows

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Fast and Furious 8 (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 4.30 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Begum Jaan (H)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
	(S-3)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am, 1.15 pm, 4.15 pm
Chakravarthy (K)	(S-4)	10.00 am, 1.00 pm,
		4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Sivalinga (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Kadamban (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Mister (Te)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Puthan Panam (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Sakhavu (Ma)	(S-2)	10.30 am

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Chakravarthy (K)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 1.00 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	3.45 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 9.40 pm
Fast and Furious 8 (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.00 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Begum Jaan (H)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 am
Power Paandi (Ta)	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Sivalinga (Ta)	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Kadamban (Ta)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Mister (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (APR.15)

Jayanagar Sri Rama Mandira Trust: 51st year Ramotsava, Kalasha Sthapane, Udaka Shanti, Sri Rama Mandira, second main road, 16th cross, Jayanagar, **7 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Harikatha Sapthaha (Day-6) by Vidu. Malini, Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate, **6 pm.**

Kalpashree Performing Arts Centre Trust, Ramanagaram: 28th anniversary celebrations, 'Kalpashree Natyanjali-2017' Dance Festival, Shornalatha Satheesh, Narthanalaya Cultural Academy, Chennai and Satheesh, Narthanalaya Cultural Academy, Chennai and Surendranath, Nruthya Ravali Kuchipudi Academy, Hyderabad, chief guests, Jaganmohan Palace, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Ramaabhyudaya Sangha: Ramothsava celebrations, Sri Ramayana Darshanam dance drama by Bharthanatyam guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamay along with her disciples, Sangha premises, Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Karma Yoga - According to Swami Vivekananda,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sree Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Narayana Shastri Road: 101st Sri Ramanavami Music Festival, **Vid. T.M. Krishna** - Vocal; Vid. Vittal Rangan - Violin; Vid. J. Vaidyanathan - Mridanga; Vid. Guruprasanna - Khanjira, Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, **6 pm.**

Avishkara, a Progressive Cultural Forum: Theatre festival, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, retired Professor and Soviet Land Nehru Awardee Prof. H.S. Harishankar inaugurates, Forum Convenor T.R. Sunil delivers the introductory address, Forum Convenor P.S. Sandhya presides, recital of progressive songs and kolata by Chalana Troupe, Mysuru, artistes of Green Kids Samskruthika Seva Trust, Periyapatna, will stage of the play 'Tereyo Bagilanu' written by Kishan Chandar and translated by K. Venkatraju and Syed Manjoor Ahmed, directed by Chitra Venkatraju, Javaregowda Park, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

Great Bombay Circus: World Circus Carnival with Ethiopia, Kenyan, Chinese and Indian Artistes, **Pramoda Devi Wadiyar** inaugurates, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Minister Tanveer Sait, MLAs Vasu and M.K. Somashekar, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and Corporator Vanitha Prasanna chief guests, Open ground behind Mysuru Zoo, near Karanji Lake, Nazarbad, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Vinoba Road and Department of Kannada and Culture: 127th year Sri Hevilambhi Samvatsara 'Sri Ramothsava,' *Ramayana Darshanam* dance-drama will be presented by Dr. Vasundara Doraswamy and troupe, Srimathi Alammanavara Chatra, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Shewtavaraha Swamy temple, Mysore Palace: Sri Shwetavaraha Swamy Brahmotsava, Mrutikka Sangrahana, Ankurarpane, temple premises, Mysore Palace, **8.00 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.16)

Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru and Shivananda Jnanalaya: Free classes on 'Vivekachoodamani of Adi Shankaracharya' by Swami Hamsananda in English, Sadhana Mandira Ashram, # 22, 4th Cross, 1st Stage, Brindavan Extension, **6.30 am to 7.45 am;** Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Jayanagar Sri Rama Mandira Trust: 51st year Ramotsava, Sri Ramachandraswamy Pattabhisheka, **8 am;** Hanumanthotsava, Sri Rama Mandira, second main road, 16th Cross, Jayanagar, **7 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka, **8.30 am;** Harikatha Sapthaha (Day-7) by Vidu. Malini, Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramaabhyudaya Sangha: Ramothsava, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka, Abhisheka, Archane, Gamaka Vaachana by K. Ramachandra, Vyakyana by Vasantha Venkatesh, Rama Mandira premises, **9.30 am;** Mahamangalarati, **12.30 pm,** Prasada Viniyoga; Udupi Sri Krishna Mandira, Narayana Shastri Road, **1 pm.**

Sri Mayakara Gurukula, Mysuru and Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru: National-level Conference on 'Astrology and Palmistry,' Dr. Sri Shivananda Shivacharya Swamiji of Hiremath, Chickpet, Tumakuru and Sri Mahadevaswamiji of Paduvala Sri Viraktamutt, Didagallu, H.D. Kote will grace the occasion; former Minister S.A. Ramdas inaugurates, MP Pratap Simha releases 'Pranavam Panchanga,' District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev releases the 'Jathaka (horoscope), Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Commissioner S.P. Shadakshari Swamy releases the Astrology book, Kalamandira, **9 am.**

Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sree Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Narayana Shastri Road: 101st Sri Ramanavami Music Festival, Violin duet by Vid. Mysore M. Nagaraj & Vid. Mysore Dr. M. Manjunath, Vid. Dr. Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udapa on ghatam, Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, **6 pm.**

Sri Shewtavaraha Swamy temple, Mysore Palace: Sri Shwetavaraha Swamy Brahmotsava, Adivasara, Raksha Bandhana and Kalyanotsava, temple premises, Mysore Palace, **6.00 pm.**

Sahara Art & Crafts Shopping Festival: Handicrafts and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Kalpashree Performing Arts Centre Trust, Ramanagaram: 28th anniversary celebrations, 'Kalpashree Natyanjali-2017' Dance Festival, H. Channappa, Asst. Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, Chithra Muralidaran, Artistic Director, Nrithyakthra Dance Academy, Chennai, Guru Pankaja Ramakrishnaiah State Award Winner, Mysuru and Vidu. Jyothi N. Hegde, Director, Lasyaranjana Shale, Mysuru, chief guests; Jaganmohan Palace,**10.30 am to 10 pm.**

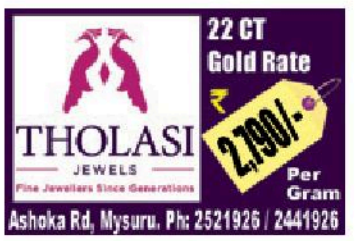
Chaitra Foundation: 4th Foundation Day Celebrations, Melukote Vangipura Nambiyar Mutt Seer Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji graces the occasion, Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya Academy former Chairperson H. R. Leelavathi, chief guest, felicitation to achievers from various fields — Mysuru's Shreyas N. Rao & G. Shashikumar, Mangaluru's C.S. Radhika and Dharwad's Basavaraju Indoora; cultural programmes, *'Vaividyateyalli Ekate'* presented by Thonachikoppal's Government Higher Primary School children; Bharatanatyam recital by Shwetha Swaminathan, Ganabharathi, Veene Sheshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**

Ninaad Musical Trust: School day, inauguration by Ninaad School children, H.R. Sundareshan, CEO, Vidya Vikas Educational Trust, will be present, music programme by Neethu Ninaad of SAREGAMAPA fame and others, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Avishkara, a Progressive Cultural Forum: Theatre festival, recital of progressive songs; staging of the play 'Kuri' by Niranthara Foundation artistes, creation by Sarveshwara Dayal Saxena and direction by Somashekhar Shira and Riyaz of Shivamogga; artistes of Avishkara will stage the play 'Hosa Haadi Hosa Payana, creation by Radhakrishna Upadhya and direction by V. Ajay Nag, Javaregowda Park, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club and Mysore District Badminton Association: Valedictory of Open Badminton Tournament, MP Pratap Simha distributes prizes, *Gravity One* Business & Operations Head B. Dhananjay, Karnataka State Badminton Association Hon. Vice-President S.G. Prabhu and Kodava Samaja President M. K. Kuttappa, guests of honour, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club President M. P. Nanaiah presides, Club premises, Vijayanagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Atmajnanandaji speaks on 'Sri Rama Krishna's message for us', Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**



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